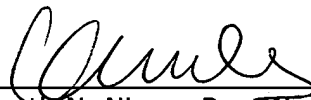


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as set forth above. The title is amended to match the U.S. translation and the additional amendments made to the specification conform the application to U.S. practice. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kenneth N. Nigon, Reg. No. 31,549  
Attorney(s) for Applicant(s)

KNN/tmb

Dated: September 10, 2004

P.O. Box 980  
Valley Forge, PA 19482  
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby  
authorized to charge payment to Deposit  
Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated  
with this communication.

**EXPRESS MAIL**

Mailing Label Number:  
Date of Deposit:

EV 426 717 531 US  
September 10, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Kathleen Libby